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STRAW VOTE OPENED BY THE TECH TODAY

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Due Before Two-thirty
Monday.

THE TECH today, with the printing of a ballot on the fourth page, opens a straw vote on the Presidential candidates at the Institute. This "straw ballot," so called, is favored by the colleges and is intended to indicate the sentiment of the student body regarding the coming national elections. The ballot as printed today will be reprinted Monday, giving ample opportunity for everyone to vote. The ballots are to be polled at the lower office of THE TECH before 2.30 Monday afternoon. Every student in the Institute may vote, and, since the results have national significance, a large and representative vote is urged.

The straw votes of Harvard and Yale were taken some time ago. Boston University yesterday announced the results of a balloting there. All of its departments but the Law School declared their preference for Colonel Roosevelt. The total vote was 650. At the College of Liberal Arts, Roosevelt received 64; Taft, 40; Wilson, 18; La Follette, 2, and Clark 1. At the School of Theology, and at the Medical School, Roosevelt again took the lead, with Taft running considerably behind. At the School of Law, Taft polled 90 votes, Clark, 66; Roosevelt, 57, and Wilson only 23.

The Massachusetts Presidential primaries take place Tuesday, and THE TECH straw ballot will close Monday so that the results at Technology may be printed on Tuesday morning. The ballot box will be plainly indicated at THE TECH office.

TOURNAMENT OFF.

Tennis Meet at Providence
Cancelled.

The Brown-Technology tennis tournament scheduled for today has been postponed indefinitely. It was to be played at Providence, but as a triangular track meet is to be played with Worcester at that time it was thought best to call off the tournament. This would have been the first game of the year for our men, and they were sorry not to be able to play it. They had a very good chance of coming out the winners.

The tournament among the members of the club has already started, and this, with the doubles postponed from last year, will keep the men busy for some time. The team picked for the trip to Providence included H. E. Beckman, '13; A. Harkness, '12; G. B. Brigham, '12, and C. R. Woodward, '12.

Max Waterman is to be congratulated on earning his "T."

Clyde Bame of Auburn was elected captain of the Cornell University wrestling team Tuesday. Bame is the intercollegiate champion in the 175-pound class and lost only one bout all winter. He is a Junior in the College of Agriculture.

The Penn crews have started a training table.

M. A. H. S. CLUB TO DINE NEXT WEDNESDAY

C. L. Parmenter and Mr. Fish
Will Speak at the Meeting
in the Union.

The M. A. H. S. Club will hold its final meeting of the year next Wednesday night at 6.30 o'clock, in the upper dining room of the Union. This is the annual dinner of the club and it is expected that all members will attend. In addition, the High School Seniors who intend entering the Institute next year will be invited.

An interesting group of speakers is to be provided, headed by Frederick P. Fish, who is chairman of the committee in charge of the recommendations of changes in the curriculum of the school. It is expected that Mr. Fish will tell something of the changes proposed. C. L. Parmenter, headmaster of the school, will also be present. Other speakers are promised for the near future.

The tickets for the dinner are for sale by members of the Executive Committee of the club, and are fifty cents.

COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT.

Intercollegiate Architectural Contest Shown in Pierce.

The one hundred and twenty complete sets of drawings entered in the recent Intercollegiate Architectural competition are now on exhibition in the rooms of the Architectural Department in Pierce Building. Entered in this contest were Technology, Harvard University, Columbia University, Cornell University, the University of Michigan, and the University of Pennsylvania. The work was entered in two classes, one for the fourth and fifth year men, and the other for the third year men. The problem of the first class was "A Museum of Applied Science," and that for the second class was "A Riding School." J. R. Edmunds, Jr., of Pennsylvania, and M. R. Williams of Cornell won the prizes.

The competition was under the patronage of the heads of the various schools. The general direction, however, was confided to the architectural societies.

Each design consisted first of a preliminary sketch; the contestants worked for twelve hours, being allowed to consult no reference of any kind. This insured the originality of the designs. The subsequent work was done in accordance with this sketch. A finished elevation, plan and section were made.

The prizes awarded consisted of ninety dollars for the first, and sixty dollars for the second class. The money was contributed by Mr. Lloyd Warren, the well-known New York architect.

At 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Mr. J. Arthur MacLean will conduct visitors at the Art Museum through the rooms of Chinese and Japanese art. In the department of painting, Mr. Charles Hopkins will speak at 3.45 p. m. in the West Court on the exhibition of Sargent's water colors.

Woodrow, Bill of T. R.?

PROBLEMS OF WATER SUPPLY DISCUSSED

Chemicals Hear Four Speakers
On Filtration of Pittsburgh's
Water.

Last night the members of the Chemical Society, instead of hearing only one good talk, heard four. Three members of the Pittsburgh Typhoid Commission were in the city, and came to hear the talk on the "Filtration of Pittsburgh's Water Supply," which Mr. R. S. Weston gave. President Hugo induced these men to speak on the phases of their work which had been most influenced by the filtration of the water.

After the members had accepted the report of the committee which is planning the annual banquet, the regular speaker of the evening, Mr. Weston, was introduced. He treated the question of filtration from the point of view of the physical chemist. He said that the main stream of the Allegheny River system has an alkaline, carbonate-containing silt, but many of its tributaries contain the strongly acid wastes of numerous coal mines and steel mills. When these waters mix there is a partial precipitation of the hydrates and silicates of the earths and heavy metals. During one hundred days of the year, however, the precipitate is so persistently colloidal that it is only at the rough surface of the sand of the filtration beds that it comes down. There it so greatly reduces the rapidity of filtration that the city almost has a shortage of water. Chloride of lime is used to cause precipitation before filtration at the times when colloids are not destroyed by passing through piles of rock and gravel.

After the members had asked several questions of Mr. Weston, Prof. W. T. Sedgwick spoke on the biological side of the river's behavior. He said that during the days of "acid" water the typhoid and other bacteria were much less frequent than at times of flood, when the reaction was alkaline.

Professor M. J. Rosenau of Harvard, the second member of the Typhoid Commission, spoke on the sins of omission that the people of Pittsburgh had been committing, and then told of the improvement that had been made in the last few years.

The last speaker, Dr. Matson, told how the death rate had been decreased by filtration of the water. The members then had refreshments, and a number tried to sing for the critics who were present.

1915 GAME POSTPONED.

The baseball game between the Freshmen and Tufts Second, scheduled for this afternoon, has been postponed until next Saturday, at the request of the latter team.

The Freshmen engaged in practice this afternoon with the entire squad in attendance. The captain and manager were well pleased with the improvement which was shown in the team work.

It is to be regretted that Technology is not sending any relay men to Penn next Saturday.

Well, Civils, who are you voting for?

DRAWINGS FOR SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

Matches of First Round to Be
Played Off Before Saturday,
May Fourth.

The Institute golf season began in earnest yesterday, when the drawings for the Spring tournament were made and published. The tournament is to be a handicap event, and the men whose names appear below will be given the handicap list upon application to D. V. Nason, P. A. Russell, or W. N. Holmes.

A silver cup, nine inches high, will be given to the winner of the matches by the Athletic Association. A match with the Harvard University golf team has been scheduled, and it will take place shortly after the completion of the Spring tournament, the men who will represent the Institute being those who qualify in the Spring match.

A duplicate of the names printed below will be placed on the bulletin board in Rogers Building, and the management of the golf team have expressed the desire that all of the matches in the preliminary round be played off before Saturday, May 4. The pairing was as follows:

W. T. Roberts and D. G. Norton;
D. V. Mason and G. W. White; J. S. Churchill and R. B. Haynes; W. Flemming and H. E. Rogers; A. L. Todt and G. P. Capen; W. N. Holmes and F. Mackentepe; H. G. Manning and Rogers; V. R. Jayme and P. A. Russell; W. M. Africa and J. M. Beale; E. A. Downey and A. E. Howlett; J. G. Goff and C. B. Hull.

ARCHITECTS ELECT.

Patrick Horgan, '13, Becomes
Next Year's President.

At a business meeting of the Architectural Society, which was held yesterday afternoon in 42 Pierce, the annual election of officers occurred and much discussion took place in regard to future plans. Among other things, a decision was made to pay the traveling expenses of a delegate to the annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Architectural Federation, which meets every spring, usually in New York.

The election of officers resulted in the following list for the ensuing year: Patrick D. Dorgan, 1913, President, Neche, N. D.; George W. Dyer, 1913, Vice-President, Plymouth; Henry O. Glidden, 1913, Secretary, Cambridge; Dale R. McNary, 1914, Treasurer, Minneapolis; Executive Committee, Paul C. Warner, 1913, Chairman, No. Tonawanda, N. Y.; William J. Mooney, 1913, Jamaica Plain; Frederick H. Kennedy, 1913, W. Roxbury.

CALENDAR.

In Charge of S. H. Taylor, 1914.
Saturday, April 27.

Freshmen vs. Tufts Second—Medford,

2.00—Tennis Meet with Brown—Providence.

3.00—Sophs vs. Dorchester High—Dunbar Avenue Grounds.

3.15—Tech Show—Northampton.

Monday, April 29.

2.30—Straw Ballot Polls Closed—THE TECH.

LAST PAGE--STRAW BALLOT--VOTE TO-DAY

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Monday Editor—M. Paris, 1914.
Assistants—E. W. Mann, 1914; S. Berkowitz, 1915.

THE STRAW BALLOT.

Through all the turmoil of the recent fusillade of newspaper articles, the resounding of the valiant speeches, and the common accompaniments of a heated presidential campaign, Tech students have calmly continued to figure fibre stresses and to sweat in engine laboratories. The fact that the call "Liar!" is challenging the attention of the whole land and that orators have arrived at the stage of frenzied gestures, affects not one whit the steady plod of the weary wanderer in quest of technical knowledge.

This is as it should be. In accordance with the popular adage, "Fleas are the best friends a dog has, he wouldn't know he was a dog without them," most of us view philosophically this chronic political whirlwind. Also we remain comfortably to one side where the dust is not thick, and watch our Crimson friends from across the river parade to a political rally, exhibiting the usual symptoms of a brass band and red fire.

On the other hand, no Tech man who is preparing himself for a life of successful leadership in the industrial world can afford to ignore his responsibility to prepare himself for intelligent citizenship. He must understand the controlling factors in the political situations he meets; he must be ready to lend his influence wholeheartedly to the side he approves. Therefore we believe the undergraduates of the Institute have generally put considerable thought on the issues of the present presidential campaign, have begun to form their conclusions concerning candidates, and will welcome this opportunity offered by THE TECH to show their preferences. THE TECH rejoices in the chance to unite the Institute on this common ground and to express the views of the student body as a whole.

Those in charge of the Senior Portfolio are, no doubt, glad that their arduous labors are finished.

Coach O'Connor of Brown has found a promising pole-vaulter in McLaughlin, a Freshman. Few weight men are out for track, but some of these few are stars.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES TOPIC OF ADDRESS

Electrical Engineer Describes Research Work of E. E. Department.

The American Institute of Electrical Engineers held a dinner in the Union last night, and afterwards adjourned to 6 Lowell, where Mr. H. S. Thompson spoke on the "Electrical Commercial Vehicle" and the research being carried on by the E. E. Department and some of the Course VI Seniors.

Mr. Thompson began by pointing out that very little advancement in the fundamental principles of horse-drawn vehicles has been made since the days of an ox cart. In the installation and operation of a fleet of delivery wagons today three main factors are to be considered—reliability, flexibility and expense. Although not generally taken into account, the time a vehicle is standing idle influences the cost considerably, and certain peculiar conditions also have an important effect.

The research work of the E. E. Department is quite extensive, record being kept of the delivery services of over 100 firms using motor trucks. Nine of these have installed registers giving a continuous diagram of the performances of each vehicle. The tapes from the machines are sent daily to the department, where they are filed. This work has disclosed many mistakes heretofore made in estimating the comparative expenses of electric and horse-drawn vehicles.

Mr. Thompson closed his talk with a brief comment on a number of lantern slides illustrating the adaptability of the electric truck. This form of conveyance seems to have entered almost every field of industry. Some of the more novel uses are in the fire and street cleaning departments of foreign cities, and as snow plows, baggage trucks and warehouse cranes.

COMMUNICATION.

(We invite communications from all men in the Institute on important subjects. We take no responsibility for their sentiments and do not agree to print any that may come in, whether they are signed or not.)

To the Editors of THE TECH:

I have received from Mr. R. H. Eurich, President of the Harvard Engineering Society, the following letter:

"On Wednesday evening, May 1st, at 8 P. M., in Room 110, Pierce Hall, Cambridge, Mr. James T. Bowles, bacteriologist in charge of water supplies and filtration plants for the Isthmian Canal Commission, will address the Harvard Engineering Society on "Methods and Results of Sanitation on the Isthmus," illustrated by lantern slides.

Professor George C. Whipple expects to be present, and we shall be very glad to have you and any members of your classes or of the Institute who may be interested attend the meeting. Will you kindly extend this invitation as you have opportunity."

I have written to Mr. Eurich as follows:

"I am greatly obliged to you for your courteous and neighborly letter of April 24th, and very glad to know that Mr. Bowles is going to talk before your society upon a subject so timely and so interesting.

"I shall certainly attend unless I am obliged to be out of town on that evening, and I am sure that a number of our people will be very glad to go.

"Let me express my special pleasure in the evidence which your invitation gives of those friendly relations which ought always to subsist between Harvard and the Tech, and
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son is being devoted entirely to de-
veloping the crew, so that a full
schedule may be arranged for next
Spring. Many of the new men are
Freshmen, who have had almost no
experience in shell rowing until they
came to the Institute, but they have
shown much improvement, and will
make valuable men after completing
the course in rowing through which
Coach O'Leary is putting them. A
few of the old men will be back next
year, and together with the new ones
are expected to make a crew that will
be as good as that of any college.

Of the new men, Sabin, Marion,
'15, Moore, '15, and Werlick, '15, have
shown up well, although nearly all of
them are new to the game. Coxswain
Wettingel will graduate this year, so
it is necessary to develop a man to
fill his place. Steward and Anderson,
'15, have reported regularly. They
are light and promise to become equal
to Coxe.

SOPHS VS. DORCHESTER.

Hard Game Expected—Team in
Good Condition.

Saturday, at Dorchester, the Sopho-
mores play Dorchester H. S. The lat-
ter, without its star pitcher, Brennen,
was defeated by Boston College High
Since Brennen is now in good shape,
they expect to put up a strong fight
for the championship of the State.

The Sophomores have been prac-
ticing faithfully, and many of the men
are now playing good ball. Comber
at second, Gardiner at short-stop, and
Bryant at third, are getting together
well, and make a strong infield. The
outfield is well taken care of by Page
in center, Hughes in right, and Hardy
in left.

Storke, who has been doing the
catching, suffers from a lame arm,
which has greatly handicapped him.
Swift up to the present has been
erratic, but the last week's practice
has eradicated much of his wildness.
A great deal of the team's success
Saturday will depend on his showing.

The batting order will be as fol-
lows:

Comber, second; Gardiner, short;
Page, center; Storke, catcher;
Hughes, right; Stewart, first; Bryant,
third; Hardy, left, and Swift, pitcher.

MEETING POSTPONED.

Technique Electoral Committee
To Elect Art Men Monday.

The failure of a quorum to be pres-
ent at the meeting of the Technique
Electoral Committee yesterday caused
a postponement till Monday. At that
time it is expected to elect the Art
Editor of "Technique, 1914, and to de-
termine the method of choosing his
assistants. The authorities of the
Architectural Department have ex-
pressed the wish that as many assist-
ant art men as possible be elected so
that the work of the department will
not prove too great a burden.

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loon race will be held this year at
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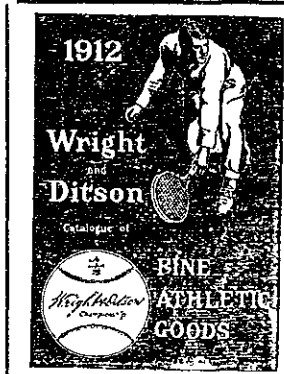
COMMUNICATION.
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 assure you that your courtesy is highly appreciated and will be warmly reciprocated."
 I greatly hope that a good number of Tech men will embrace this opportunity to listen to what is likely to be an important and interesting address, and also to show by their presence their appreciation of this friendly and neighborly action of the Harvard Engineering Society.
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